



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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**DA 10-349**

Brian L. Talbott  
Chairman - Board of Directors  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, N.W.  
Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: Vacancies on the USAC Board of Directors

Dear Chairman Talbott:

On September 28, 2009, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a public notice soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).<sup>1</sup> Due to the expiration of Board members' terms on December 31, 2009, there are currently six vacancies on the USAC Board.<sup>2</sup> The Commission received at least one nomination for five out of the six vacancies, as listed in the attached Appendix.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> Chairman Julius Genachowski appoints the following members to serve on the USAC Board of Directors:

**(1) Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts**

Dr. Sheryl Abshire, Chief Technology Officer, Calcasieu (Louisiana) Parish Public Schools

**(2) Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (incumbent LECs) (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million**

D. Michael Anderson, Vice President of External Affairs, Iowa Telecom

**(3) Representative for state telecommunications regulators**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 09-2127 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 28, 2009).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Sept. 9, 2009).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(3).

Hon. Anne C. Boyle, Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission

**(4) Representative for information service providers**

David P. McClure, President and CEO, US Internet Industry Association

**(5) Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts**

Jay Sanders, M.D., President and CEO, The Global Telemedicine Group

The Commission welcomes these five individuals to the USAC Board of Directors and looks forward to working with them. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sharon E. Gillett  
Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Sheryl Abshire  
D. Michael Anderson  
Hon. Anne C. Boyle  
David P. McClure  
Jay Sanders, M.D.

**APPENDIX**

**PARTIES FILING NOMINATIONS FOR SIX BOARD MEMBER  
POSITIONS ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**CC Docket No. 97-21**

<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>
American Telemedicine Association (ATA)	Jay Sanders, M.D. (Rural Health Care Providers)
Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) National Association of Independent Schools National Association of Secondary School Principals National Catholic Educational Association National Education Association (NEA) Sens. Landrieu and Vitter; Reps. Melancon, Boustany, Alexander, and Cao (Louisiana Delegation) State Educational Technology Directors Assn. (SETDA)	Dr. Sheryl Abshire (Schools)
Conway Public Schools, Office of the Superintendent	Phyllis Simon (Schools)
Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) State of Maine Department of Education Sens. Snowe and Collins (Maine) SETDA (letter of support)	Sylvia K. Norton (Schools)
David P. McClure (letter seeking reappointment to current seat)	David P. McClure (Information Service Providers)
Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA)	D. Michael Anderson (ILECs, other than Bell Operating Companies, with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million)
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)	Anne C. Boyle (State Telecommunications Regulators)